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Application No.: 10/684,912 First Named Applicant: Michael A. Stokke, et al.
Examiner: Nicholas Augustine Art Unit: 2179 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

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Proposed Date of Interview: July 7, 2008 Proposed Time: 1 PM (Eastern) AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>35 USC 103(a)</u>	<u>1, 22, 25, 28, 29</u>	<u>Schaefer & Dewh</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Distinctions between recited features of the claims and respective disclosures of the cited references

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TO: Nicholas Augustine – United States Patent and Trademark Office

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In re patent application of:

Applicant(s): Michael A. Stokke, et al.

Examiner: Nicholas Augustine

Serial No: 10/684,912

Art Unit: 2179

Filing Date: October 14, 2003

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FACILITATING AUTOMATED NAVIGATION
FOR USER INTERFACE(S)

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Dear Examiner Nicholas Augustine:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter. The following agenda is provided to aide our discussion.

- I. Introduction
- II. Discussion of Rejection of claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)
 - a. Discuss independent claims and proposed amendments
 - i. Independent claim 1 recites *a navigation component that facilitates simulated user interface associated with an automation component based, at least in part, upon information stored in a map information store and information stored in a command information store, the map information store, the command information store and executables are stored separately, the navigation component further modifies the user interface automation without recompiling executables by modifying the map information store and/or the command information store, the navigation component further employs a global information store and facilitates a global variable replacement from a single location and sharing of a common program flow among a plurality of users.* Independent claims 22, 25, 28 and 29 also recite similar aspects.
 - b. Discuss deficiencies of the cited reference (Dewhurst *et al.*)
 - i. Dewhurst *et al.* relates to a method for accessing complex software applications through a client user interface. The method includes accessing a master configuration file containing an array of configuration variables controlling the execution of software application, pre-selecting a subset of configuration variables from the array of configuration variables contained in the master configuration file, generating the client user interface to modify only the subset of configuration variables and transmitting the client user interface to client computer.

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- ii. Applicants' claimed subject matter, in contrast, discloses *a navigation component further modifies the user interface automation without recompiling executables by modifying the map information store and/or the command information store, the navigation component further employs a global information store and facilitates a global variable replacement from a single location and sharing of a common program flow among a plurality of users and a method of automating user interface comprising modifying the user interface automation without recompilation of executables by storing data, commands and executables separately.*
- iii. Dewhurst *et al.* provides for novice users to utilize a complex software application for engineering and financial tasks. An expert user anticipates various simulations or report typically required by novice users and generates a library of template files wherein a subset of configuration variables are pre-selected by the expert user from an array of configuration variables contained in a master configuration file. The novice users access the required template file generated by an expert user and changes the default values, if required, displayed in the graphic user interface *and transmit the new values to a computational server. The computational server then executes the application according to new values and returns the result to the end user.* Hence Dewhurst *et al.* requires transmitting the new values (or changed values) to a computational server and executing the application again for returning the result according to new values set by the novice user. Hence executables, changed by the novice user, are executed again with the application at the computational server. However Dewhurst *et al.* does not contemplate *modifying the user interface automation without recompilation of executables by storing data, commands and executables separately.* Further nowhere Dewhurst *et al.* does teach or suggest storing data, commands and executables separately.

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- iv. Further Dewhurst *et al.* provides for end-users *to modify only the subset of configuration variables which were pre-selected by an expert user into a template file*. More particularly, an end-user, as provided by Dewhurst *et al.*, *can not modify all variable in the array of configuration variables contained in the master configuration file* and can only modify the subset of configuration variables which were pre-selected by an expert user into the template file. Further, the subset of variables changed by one user is executed at a computational server and results are transmitted to *that user only and not to all users* associated with the application (or program) and hence a common program is not shared among the users. However Dewhurst *et al.* does not contemplate *the navigation component employs a global information store and facilitates a global variable replacement from a single location and sharing of a common program flow among a plurality of users*.

Attached, please find claims as previously presented with respect to the above-referenced matter. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

-Matthew and Pradeep